RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 26th February, 2008/7 *Phalguna,* 1929 (*Saka*)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

RE: SUSPENSION OF QUESTION HOUR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 1. ...(*Interruptions*)...

प्रो॰ राम देव भंडारी (बिहार): सभापति जी ...(व्यवधान)...क्वेश्चन ऑवर सस्पैंड ....(व्यवधान)..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 1. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नन्द किशोर यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): सभापति जी...(व्यवधान)...क्रिकेट बेचना बंद करो...(व्यवधान)...किसानों का कर्ज माफ़ करो ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): Sir, ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would request Members to resume their seats.

प्रो॰ राम देव भंडारी: सभापति जी, बिहारियों पर इतना जुल्म ढाया जा रहा है ...(व्यवधान)... कांस्टीट्यूशन की धज्जियां उड़ाई जा रही हैं ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please allow the Question Hour to proceed. ...(*Interruptions*)... Question No. 1. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, we request for suspension of the Question Hour. ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, more than one lakh farmers have committed suicide. ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, we demand the waiver of loans. ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, the UPA Government is not.. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please allow the Question Hour to proceed. ...(*Interruptions*)... Please o back to your seats. ...(*Interruptions*)... Please allow the Question Hour to proceed. (*Interruptions*)... Please go back to your places. ...(*Interruptions*)... क्वेश्चन ऑवर को चलने दाजिए..(व्यवधान).. The House is adjourned till 12 o'clock.

The House then adjourned at six minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Development of Karipur Airport (Kozhikode)

*1. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the complaints that the Karipur Airport, Kozhikode, rala lacks even some basic amenities;

(b) whether the Ministry is implementing any projects to develop the said airport; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Suggestions/proposals have been received from time to time for development of Kozhikode Airport. Details of development work undertaken are under:—

(i) Extension and modification of the international and domestic terminal building including provision of three aerobridges, at a cost of Rs. 89.48 crores.

(ii) Domestic Terminal Building modified for both arrival & departure terminals and put to operational use on 6.02.2008.

(iii) Strengthening of Runway for operation of B747-400 type of aircraft, including provision of Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS), for improving the safety of aircraft operations.

Criteria for share of profit petroleum from Barmer-Sachore Basin

*2. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when commercial production of oil and natural gas from Barmer-Sachore basin is expected;

(b) whether Central Government would get "Profit Petroleum" from these fields;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) whether State Government will also be given a share out of this profit;

(e) if so, how much percentage; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) Commercial production of crude oil from the Block RJ-ON-90/1 in Barmer-Sachore basin in the State of Rajasthan is likely to start by first quarter of 2009.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government will get share of profit petroleum from these fields. The share of profits petroleum will be decided as per the provisions of the Production Sharing Contract (PSC). The Profit Petroleum from the project depends upon various parameters such as estimated recoverable reserves, prevalent oil and associated gas prices, level of investments made on exploration and development efforts in the block. Profit share to the Government will only be available after recovery of cost made under the project as per the provisions of the contract.

(d) to (f) As per the recommendations of Twelfth Finance Commission, Profit Petroleum arising out of the PSCs under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) are to be shared with the concerned States in the ratio of 50:50. However, this profit sharing will not be applicable for RJ-ON-90/1 which is a Pre-NELP block. State Government will get royalty at the rate of 20% of crude oil production at well head price as well as other taxes and duties applicable in the State.